



*Report to the
Auburn Urban
Redevelopment
Authority*

Action Item

3

Agenda Item No.

Executive Director Approval

To: Chair and Authority Board Members
From: Jack Warren, Director of Public Works/City Engineer
Bernie Schroeder, Engineering Division Manager
Date: April 13, 2009
Subject: Auburn UDA Streetscape Project – CEQA and Permission to Advertise

The Issue

Shall the Auburn Urban Development Authority find the Auburn Streetscape Phase 1 categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and grant the Public Works Director permission to advertise the Auburn Streetscape Phase 1 for construction?

Conclusions and Recommendation

Staff recommends that Board:

1. By Resolution find the Auburn Streetscape Phase 1 categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per Section 15301 (Existing Facilities); Section 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction); Section 15303 (New Construction); and Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land).
2. By Motion grant the Public Works Director permission to advertise the Auburn Streetscape Phase 1 for construction.

Background

The first phase of the Auburn UDA Streetscape project is centered on the intersection of Lincoln Way and High Street. This intersection will be realigned, creating the Auburn Endurance Capital Plaza. The plaza honors winners of the Tevis Cup and Western States Endurance Run and is designed to host special ceremonies and events. The plaza includes three art pedestals, a fire pit seating area, planter pots, a living Christmas tree, and granite pavers that will recognize participants of the endurance competitions for extraordinary achievement. New fences along the surrounding buildings create outdoor space that may be used as café seating areas or display space. The project also includes the installation of stormwater filtration/attenuation swales in planting areas along the street. New architectural lighting will eventually be added to all buildings and overhead utilities will be replaced or relocated underground.

Environmental Summary

The Auburn Community Development Department reviewed this project for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and found it to be Categorical Exempt from CEQA

per Section 15301 (Existing Facilities); Section 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction); Section 15303 (New Construction); and Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land).

Alternatives Available to Auburn Urban Development Authority; Implications of Alternatives

1. Adopt Staff Recommendations.
2. Adopt Amended Recommendations.
3. Do not adopt recommendations

Fiscal Impact

The 2008-09 City of Auburn Operating Budget funded Streetscape Phase 1 at \$2,800,000 from the proceeds of the Auburn Urban Development Authority (AUDA) bond sale. The engineers estimate for construction of the Auburn Streetscape Phase 1 is \$2,274,414.50.

Budget Reference: 2008-09 City of Auburn Operating Budget, Auburn Urban Development Authority, Fund 35, Page 71

Attachments

Construction Schedule
Resolution



Memorandum

City of Auburn
Public Works Department

To: Jack Warren, Director of Public Works
From: Bernie Schroeder, Engineering Division Manager
Date: 3/10/09
Subject: Streetscape, Phase 1 - Project Schedule

No.	TASK	BEGIN	COMPLETION	LEAD
1	Review/Revise Bid Package	January 1, 2009	March 30, 2009	BKS
2	Environmental Review		April 1, 2009	Reg Murray
3	City Council Permission to Advertise		April 13, 2009	BKS
4	Staff report to City Manager		April 3, 2009	BKS
5	Notice to Contractors to paper		April 8, 2009	BKS
	Set 1st published date for April 14, 2009			
	Set 2nd published date for April 21, 2009			
6	Pre-bid mtg: City Hall, 10:00 am	Wednesday April 23, 2009		BKS/CB/KL
7	Bid Opening: City Hall, Room 8, 2:30 pm		April 29, 2009	BKS/KL
8	City Council Award of Project		May 25, 2009	
9	Staff report to City Manager		May 15, 2009	BKS
10	Tentative Notice to Proceed		June 1, 2009	BKS
11	Construction of Project (100 working days)		October 26, 2009	
12	Project Complete		November 16, 2009	

1 RESOLUTION NO. 09-
2 RESOLUTION TO FIND THE AUBURN STREETScape PHASE 1 EXEMPT FROM
3 THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
4 -----

5 THE AUBURN URBAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF AUBURN
6 DOES HEREBY RESOLVE:

7 That the Auburn Streetscape Phase 1 is categorically exempt from the
8 California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per Section 15301 (Existing
9 Facilities); Section 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction); Section 15303
10 (New Construction); and Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land).

11 DATED: April 13, 2009

12
13 _____
J.M. Holmes, Chairman

14 ATTEST:

15 _____
16 Joseph G. R. Labrie, Secretary

17 I, Joseph G. R. Labrie, Secretary of the Auburn Urban Development
18 Authority of the City of Auburn, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution
19 was duly passed at a regular session meeting of the Auburn Urban
20 Development Authority of the City of Auburn held on the 13th day of April
2009 by the following vote on roll call:

21 Ayes:

22 Noes:

23 Absent:

24 _____
Joseph G. R. Labrie, Secretary
25
26
27
28